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The Honorable J. Edward Day, President
National Civil Service League
1346 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Dear Mr. Day:

Thank you for your letter inviting me to nominate candidates for the National Civil Service League's twelfth annual Career Service Awards and also for the excellent booklet dedicated to last year's award winners. We procured extra copies of the booklet and distributed them to senior officials in the Agency and to our Personnel Recruiting Officers.

I welcome the opportunity of nominating Dr. R. Jack Smith, the Director of Current Intelligence in the Central Intelligence Agency, for the 1966 Career Service Award. Dr. Smith's fine performance in the demanding and exacting profession of intelligence production and reporting ranks him as one of the top intelligence analysts in our country and an outstanding expert on foreign affairs. The quality and quantity of intelligence, produced under Dr. Smith's direction, particularly during the Cuban crisis and the increasing involvement of the United States in Vietnam, has won wide acclaim in the United States intelligence community. I believe his professional competence and leadership and his contributions to our national security merit public recognition.

I am pleased that you are serving as President of the League and commend you and your associates for continuing the Career Service Awards program which is an important public service. The Central Intelligence Agency is honored to have had five of our officers selected as winners of the League's award.

Sincerely,

(signed) W. F. Raborn

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Director

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